



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Rarest Plant Project (13/14-SD-26)

**LOCATION:** Torrey Pines SNR - 630

**COUNTY:** San Diego

### DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

To protect park resources, botanists will survey Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve for populations of *Chorizanthe orcuttiana* (spineflower) and *Dudleya brevifolia* (dudleya). In the Extension the rare plant populations will be protected by approximately 2,900 feet of fencing, weeding, signage and public outreach. New experimental populations will be attempted in several locations. Additional work in the main reserve may be required once new populations or sites for experimental populations are discovered.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Diego Coast

### EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 3, 4, 6 Section(s): 15303, 15304, 15306

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15303 - New Construction of Small Structures, §15304 - Minor Alterations to Land and §15306 - Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- "Construction of interpretive signing or panels and fencing" (Class 3, Section 15303);
- "Resource management projects" (Class 4, Section 15304); and
- "Resource studies, inventories." (Class 6, Section 15306).

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